

35. The connector of claim 22, wherein said constant diameter internal bore of said compression ring is defined by a detent.

36. The connector of claim 22, wherein said constant diameter internal bore of said compression ring is a first inner bore which includes a detent.

REMARKS

A marked-up copy of the specification changed by this amendment, accompanies this paper on a separate sheet or sheets.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments to add new dependent claims 35 and 36 would not require the application to be withdrawn from allowance and earnestly requests entry thereof. Furthermore, the above amendments are fully supported under 35 U.S.C. ¶ 112 by the specification and would not be deemed to be new matter. Applicant submits that *said constant diameter internal bore of said compression ring* is defined as the first opening 262 (pg. 15, lines 12-13) which may be either the detent 248 or the first inner bore 256. In particular, with respect to claim 35 above, page 15, lines 14-19 of the specification discloses that the "Fastener member also includes detent 248 extending inwardly at its first opening 262. . . .this detent 248 cooperates with the notch 246 of connector body to insure that the fastener member is securely fastened to the connector body in its first configuration." With respect to claim 36, page 15, lines 20-26, "[t]he first inner bore 256 may be radially dimensioned so as to radially compress the connector body inwardly when the fastener member is in its first configuration. Alternatively, the first inner bore 256 may be dimensioned to simply provide a press fit between